



Elk Grove Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

6:00 p.m.

President Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: President Cooke, Commissioner Biedke, Commissioner Carlson,
Commissioner O'Malley, Commissioner Walz

Staff: Ben Curcio, Brad Sholes, Kelly Carbon, Mark Kosbab, Doug Sieder

Absent: Tiffany Greene

Visitor: Allan Crites

DISCUSSION ON MASK AND VACCINATION MANDATES

Executive Director Curcio provided information on the current guidelines that the District is following regarding masks and vaccination. As of tonight, 90% of full time employees are vaccinated. The names of those employees are confidential. Commissioner O'Malley questioned how the District can enforce mask wearing by unvaccinated employees if that information is confidential. Director Curcio replied that right now they are on the honor system. President Cooke asked fellow commissioners if they felt the District should mandate vaccination for all employees. The consensus was not to at this time, but that it would be ok to ask an employee to show their vaccination card. Director Curcio stated that there have been no employee illnesses this round of the outbreak.

DISCUSSION ON GARDEN TERRACE

Executive Director Curcio provided budget information on the Garden Terrace. He stated that three full time rental positions throughout the District have been consolidated into one task force. He also stated that rentals are still low due to Covid, but staff is working on trying to generate more revenue. Director Curcio said the revenue in Garden Terrace started to decline around 2009. Staff and the Board have had discussion about potential other uses for the room. It is now multi-use but slow due to Covid. Director Sholes said the new Fox Run facility will be used for just rentals such as golf outings, but not for private rentals depending on how many people are using the simulators. Director Curcio agreed, saying that he believes they will bring in more revenue with the simulators than with rentals. Commissioner Biedke said he feels misled and doesn't want to pass up a rental for simulator use. Commissioner Walz replied that rentals bring in about \$500 for the day while rentals for the simulators is \$120/hour.

Commissioner O'Malley asked why Garden Terrace stayed open during Covid because the cost of salary was more than the revenue brought in. Commissioner Walz replied that they had this discussion about Garden Terrace a few years ago and did not come up with another use for the room. President Cooke stated that when Covid hit, Director Curcio restructured that area laying off part time staff and reallocated the full time employee. President Cooke also stated that there are built in costs to having that facility even if the room is closed. Director Curcio explained that he reallocated the full time employee's resources, but the salary and benefits are still coming out of Garden Terrace. Commissioner O'Malley requested a summary of Garden Terrace's budget.

DISCUSSION ON NWSRA MEMBER DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

Executive Director Curcio said the NWSRA froze their assessment this year so the cost is the same as last year. He added that they provide a great program for people with disabilities and would like to invite their Executive Director to one of our meetings. President Cooke stated he would like to see their budget. Director Curcio will provide that information for him.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a short discussion on the District's recognition program and the policy in place for it.

Commissioner Carlson questioned the high water bill at Community Athletics Field. Director Curcio explained that the District used to get the water from Hamilton Lakes but lost that deal when the industrial area was built up. Director Kosbab said he will talk to his staff about the water usage at that field.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Biedke stated he would like to add updating the bleachers at Community Athletics Field to the Capital List. He said the current bleachers are outdated and would like them replaced with the style that has walkways. Director Curcio asked Commissioner Biedke to come back with ideas for replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Malley moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Biedke, Carlson, O'Malley, Walz and President Cooke

Nays: None

Motion Carried